GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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CLOSURE OF SICK FERTILIZER UNITS
AJAY CHAKRABORTY;PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to close down 3 sick units of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation and FertilizerCorporation of India;

(b) if so, the financial status of these units;

(c) the number of employees employed in each of these units;

(d) the amounts due to these employees by way of arrears of wages and other statutory dues; and

(e) the steps being taken to pay their arrears and compensation proposed to be paid if any?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) : Yes, Sir. The Government have decided to close down the HindustanFertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) and the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) excepting its Jodhpur Mining Organisation.

(b) to (e) : The accumulated losses of HFC and FCI as on 31.3.2002 wereRs. 6725.88 crore and Rs. 7921.00 crore and a manpower of 4884 and 5712 as on 30.9.2002, respectively. Government has been providing budgetary support to these companies for meeting the expenditure on salary/wages including statutory dues of their employees. The employees of these companies have been offered benefits under the Voluntary Separation Scheme.